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1948

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SENIOR CLASS OF 1948

SPARTA HIGH SCHOOL

OUR SCHOOL

DEDICATION

Sometimes we find it necessary to pause in our everyday life to pay tribute to some who have given untiringly of their time and effort to aid someone who needs help and advice. We, the class of '48, would like to dedicate to our sponsors, Mrs. Todd and Mr. VanHoesen, this Spartan as a token of our appreciation for the fine patience and understanding given us.

Now, we come to the parting of ways. We find it very difficult to express ourselves properly for all the happy times you have given us. To you, our friends and advisors, we can only say from the bottom of our hearts, best of luck and happiness in the future.

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ADMINISTRATION AND FACULTY

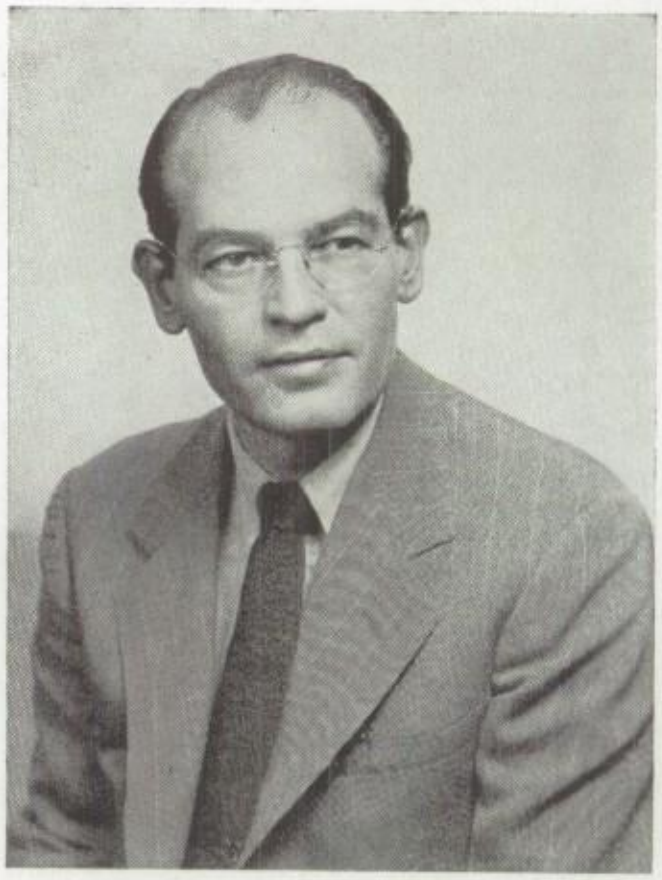
SCHOOL BOARD

Left to right: Mr. G. Fifield, Mr. B. Carlson, Mr. L. Bradford, Mr. W. H. DeHart—Superintendent, Mr. L. Johnson, Mr. W. Rogers

W. H. DEHART — *Superintendent*

Teaches: American Government and Sociology.

Central Michigan College of Education —A.B.
University of Michigan —M.A.



JAMES GARDNER —*Principal*

Teaches: American History

Hillsdale College —A.B.
University of Michigan —M.A.

BEA FERNEAU
Teaches: English
Western Michigan College of Education, A.B.

V. Y. TUTTLE
Teaches: Science
Kalamazoo College, B.S.
Columbia University, M.A.

GENEVIEVE DOUGLASS
Teaches: Mathematics
Western Michigan College of Education, A.B.

HELEN F. CAREY
Teaches: English, Latin, and French
Western Michigan College of Education, A.B.

FRED HUMESTON
Teaches: Agriculture
Michigan State College, B.S., and M.S.

KENNETH VANHOESEN
Teaches: Industrial Arts
Michigan State College and Central Michigan College of Education, B.S.

LUCILLE RIE
Teaches: Commercial
Western Michigan College of Education, A.B.

RICHARD GARANT
Teaches: World History and Physical Education
Central Michigan College of Education, B.S.

MRS. ROBERT TODD
Teaches: Art and Grade Music
Olivet and Michigan State College, A.B.

MURIEL BURMAN
Teaches: Home Economics
Western Michigan College of Education, B.S.
Albion College, A.B.

JACK DAVIS
Teaches: Music
Detroit School of Music
State of Michigan Certificate

STUDENTS' FRIENDS

ARVA KOBER
Secretary

EVAN SHAW
Custodian

SENIORS

MRS. TODD

MR. VANHOESEN

RAYMOND OAKES

Class President 4;
Football 3, 4;
Basketball 1;
Chorus 1, 3, 4;
Correspondence Club 4;
Play Cast 4;
Language Club 3;
R.O.T.C. 2

KENNETH DE YOUNG

Class Vice Pres. 3, 4;
Football 1, 2, 3V, 4V;
Basketball 1, 2, 3V, 4V;
Spartan Write-Up Editor
Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4;
Senate 1, 2, Vice Pres. 3. Pres. 4;
Play Cast 3, 4;
Journalism 1, 3, Bus. Mgr. 4;
Language Club 1, 2

BERNICE GUNNESON

Class Secretary 4;
Library Board 2, 3, 4; Secretary-treasurer 3, 4;
Chorus 2, 3, 4;
Orchestra 1, 2, 3, 4;
Girl Reserve 1

CHARLES SWITZER

Class Treasurer 4;
Class Secretary 3;
Football 1, 2V, 3V, 4V;
Basketball 1, 2V, 3V, 4V;
Baseball 1V, 2V, 3V, 4V;
Correspondence Club 4;
Track 3, 4;
Play Cast 3, 4;
Chorus 2, 3, 4;
Journalism 3, 4;
Language Club 2;
Hi-Y 1;
Salutatorian

DORIS ANDERSON

Library Board 2; Girl Reserve 1; Correspondence Club 4; Journalism 4

KATHRYN BAEHRE

Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Girl Reserve 1; Correspondence Club 4; Play Cast 3, 4; Journalism 3, 4; Language Club 3

WALTER BAEHRE

Baseball 3; Football 4; Basketball 1, 2; F.F.A. 1, 2, 3; Hi-Y 1

MARY BAILEY

Chorus 3, 4; Girl Reserve 1; Correspondence Club 4; Journalism 4

WALTER BEUSCHEL

Language Club 1, 2

PATRECIA BLACK

F.H.A. 4; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Correspondence Club 4

JOYCE BLACKALL

Spartan Advertising Manager; Correspondence Club 4; Journalism 3, 4; Tennis 2

IRENE BROOKS

Chorus 1, 2, 3; Correspondence Club 4; Journalism 3, 4; Cheerleader 1, 2

GORDON COLBY

Baseball 1V, 2V, 3V, 4V; Football 1, 2, 3V, 4V; Spartan Business Manager; Senate 4; Athletic Board 1, 3, 4; Play Cast 3; Class Treasurer 2

MARYELLEN COLBY

F.H.A. 4; Girl Reserve 1

NOREEN DAVIS

F.H.A. 3, 4, Treasurer 4; Chorus 2, 3, 4

ELEANOR DEYO

Basketball 1, 2V, 3V, 4V; Chorus 2, 3, 4; Senate 2, 3, 4, Secretary 3; Journalism 1, 2, 3, 4, Asst. Editor 3, Editor 4; Class President 2

MARILYN ERHART

F.H.A. 3, 4; Chorus 2, 3, 4; Girl Reserve 1

CARL FONGER

F.F.A. 2; Hi-Y 1

HOWARD FONGER

Baseball 1

JEROME GOERING

Baseball 1, 2, 3V, 4V; Football 1, 2, 3V, 4V; Basketball 1, 2, 3V, 4V; Chorus 3; Correspondence Club 4; Play Cast 3; Language Club 1; Hi-Y 1

ARDIS HALE

Chorus 2, 3, 4; Correspondence Club 4; Play Cast 3; Journalism 4; Language Club 1, 2

ROSE HAMMERLIND

Chorus 2, 3, 4; Girl Reserve; Correspondence Club 4

VICTOR HANSEN

Football 4V; Track 4V

LOUISE HEFT

Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Correspondence Club 4

CATHRYN HERMAN

Play Cast 1, 2, 4; Journalism 4; Library Board 1, 2; Melodier's 1, 2; Chorus 4; Correspondence Club 4

FRANCES HORMIG

F.H.A. 4; Chorus 2, 3, 4; Girl Reserves 1, 2; Correspondence Club 4; Journalism 4

EVELYN JOHNSON

School Librarian 2, President 3; Chorus 2, 3, 4; Girl Reserve 1; Correspondence Club 4

PATRICIA KELLEY

Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 3, 4; Correspondence Club 4; Journalism 3; Cheerleader 1, 2, 3, 4

PHYLLIS KLENK

Basketball 3; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Spartan Photography Editor; Correspondence Club 4; Play Cast 3, 4; Language Club 3; Journalism 3, 4

COLLEEN LAWHON

Basketball 1, 3; F.H.A. 4; Chorus 3, 4; Girl Reserve 2; Correspondence Club 4; Play Cast 2, 4; Journalism 4

WILLIAM LENTZ

Football 1, 2, 4V; Chorus 3, 4; Tennis 4; Correspondence Club 4; Play Cast 4; Language Club 1, 2

ROBERT McCRACKEN

Baseball 1V, 2V, 3V; Football 3V, 4V; Basketball 1V, 2V, 3V, 4V; Track 3; Chorus 2, 4; Journalism 4; Hi-Y 1

GLORIA MILLS

Chorus 2, 3; Band 2, 3, 4; Correspondence 4

CORRINNE MOODY

F.H.A. 4, Vice President 4

BARTH MURRAY

Football 1, 4V; Basketball 1, 3, 4V; Track 3V, 4V; F.F.A. 4; Chorus 4; Journalism 4; Hi-Y 1

MAX NASON

Orchestra 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Spartan Sales Mgr. ; Play 3, 4; Hi-Y 1

ELIZABETH NEWBERG

Basketball 3; Orchestra 1, 2, 3, 4; Correspondence Club 4, Secretary 4; Play Cast 3, 4; Journalism 1, 2, 3, 4, Sales Manager 3, Advertising Manager 2; Language Club 1, 2; Cheerleader 2; Forensic 3, 4; Class Vice President 2, Secretary 1; Valedictorian

JAMES NORRIS

Football 2, 3V, 4V; Basketball 2, Mgr. 4; Track 2, 3; F.F.A. 2, 3; Chorus 2, 3, 4; Orchestra 1, 3; Band 2, 3, 4; Senate 2, 3, 4; Correspondence Club Pres. 4; Play Cast 3, 4; Language Club 2; Class Pres. 3; Secretary 1

FLORENCE REYBURN

F.H.A. 4; Chorus 4; Correspondence 4

DONALD RIDGEWAY

Football 1

ALVA JEAN RITZ

Basketball 1; Language Club 3

MAURICE ROBERTS

Baseball 2; F.F.A. 3, 4; Secretary 3; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 4; Correspondence Club 4

LEWIS SALISBURY

Track 1, 2V, 4V; Hi-Y 1

PHILLIP SCHAEFER

F.F.A. 3, 4, Pres. 4; Chorus 3, 4

GERALD SCHWARTZ

F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus 2, 3, 4; Band 3, 4; Correspondence Club 4; Hi-Y 1

WILLIAM SCHECKLER

Spartan Art Editor; Baseball 1V, 2V, 3V, 4V; Football 1, 2V, 3V, 4V; Basketball 1, 2V, 3V, 4V; Track 2, 3, 4V

JEAN TANNER

Spartan Editor; Chorus 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Senate 2, 3, 4; Correspondence Club 4; Forensic 4; Class Secretary 2

MARYALICE VAN ANTWERP

Basketball 1, 2, 3V, 4V; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Girl Reserve 1; Correspondence Club 4; Play Cast 3, 4; Class Treasurer 3

MARY ANNE WEGAL

Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Girl Reserve 1; Correspondence Club 4, Treasurer 4; Play Cast 4; Journalism 1, 2, 3, 4; Language Club 3

DONALD WEIS

Baseball 2, 3V, 4V; Football 1, 2, 3, 4V; Basketball 1, 2, 4; Track 1; Hi-Y 1

DOLORES WILTENBURG

Chorus 1; Language Club 3, 4;

Senior Class History

OFFICERS

FRESHMAN

President	Robert Baney
Vice-President	Barbara Shoemaker
Secretary	Elizabeth Newberg
Treasurer	Louise Anderson
Sponsors	Mrs. Cripps, Mr. VanHoesen

SOPHOMORE

President	Eleanor Deyo
Vice-President	Elizabeth Newberg
Secretary	Jean Tanner
Treasurer	Gordon Colby
Sponsors	Mrs. Cripps, Mr. VanHoesen

JUNIOR

President	Jim Norris
Vice-President	Ken DeYoung
Secretary	Charles Switzer
Treasurer	Maryalyce VanAntwerp
Sponsors	Mrs. LeRoy, Mr. VanHoesen

SENIOR

President	Ray Oakes
Vice-President	Ken DeYoung
Secretary	Bernice Gunneson
Treasurer	Charles Switzer
Sponsors	Mrs. Todd, Mr. VanHoesen

The sixty-three members of the Class of "48" made their way up the flights of stairs to see what was in store for them during their first year at Sparta High School. That was way back in September, 1944. We were pretty green, as most freshmen are, but we soon got in the full swing of things. Our Freshmen activities began with our semi-formal party "Rainbow Rhythm." It was a closed party, and gave us a good start both socially and financially. Through the winning of

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the magazine sale in the spring, our finances were boosted still farther. Before we knew it our first year of high school had ended.

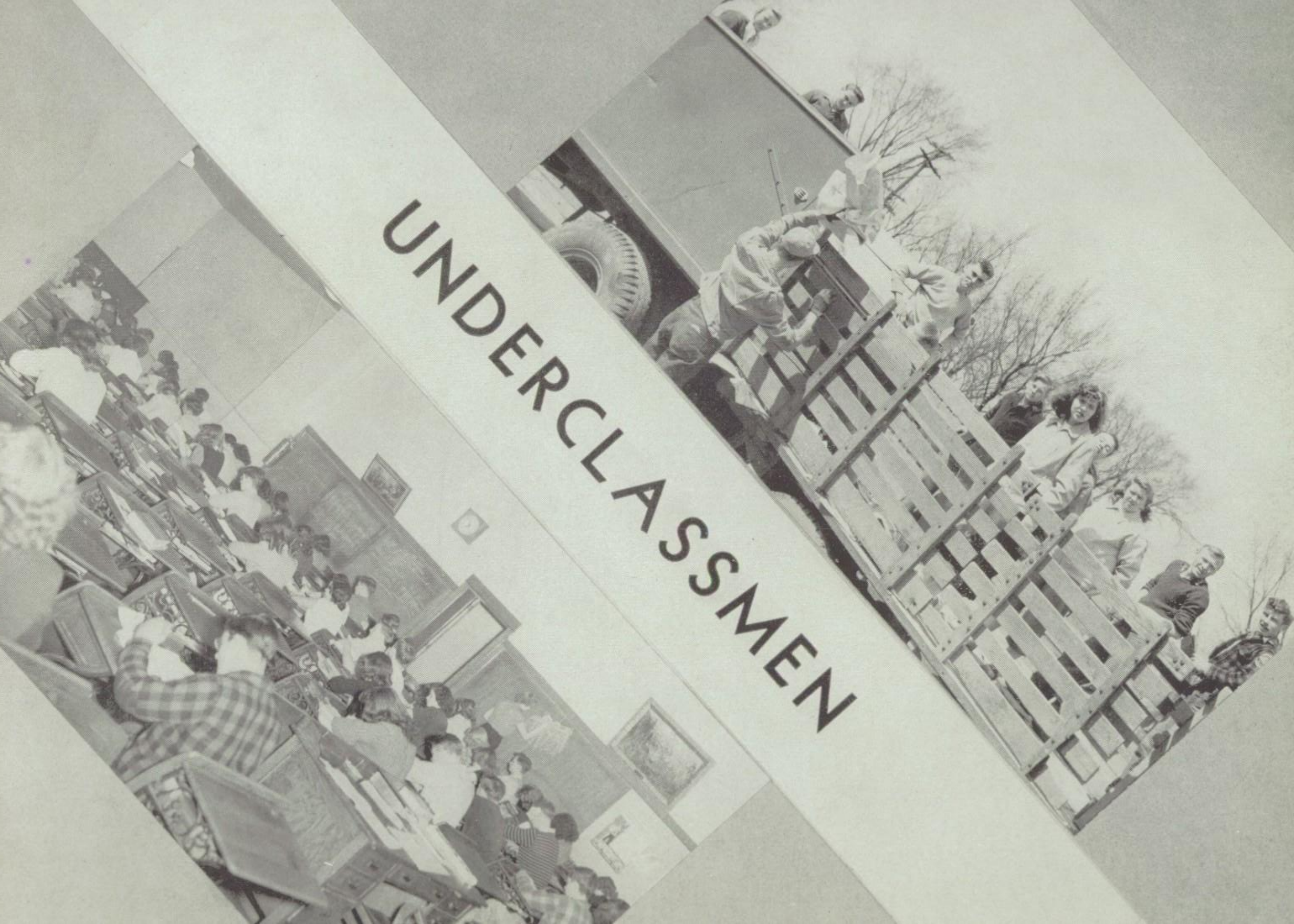
We returned in the fall, eager to see the familiar faces in the halls, those of students and teachers alike. Two boys made the first team in football and several the second. The boys were not alone in sports though, as the sophomore class placed two girls on their first team basketball. Our bake goods sale, which was held at the Frozen Food Locker, helped our treasury a great deal. The party "Harvest Moon" was a great success, as was the magazine sale which we again won. In the spring we ordered our class rings and pins. Thus ended our second year in high school.

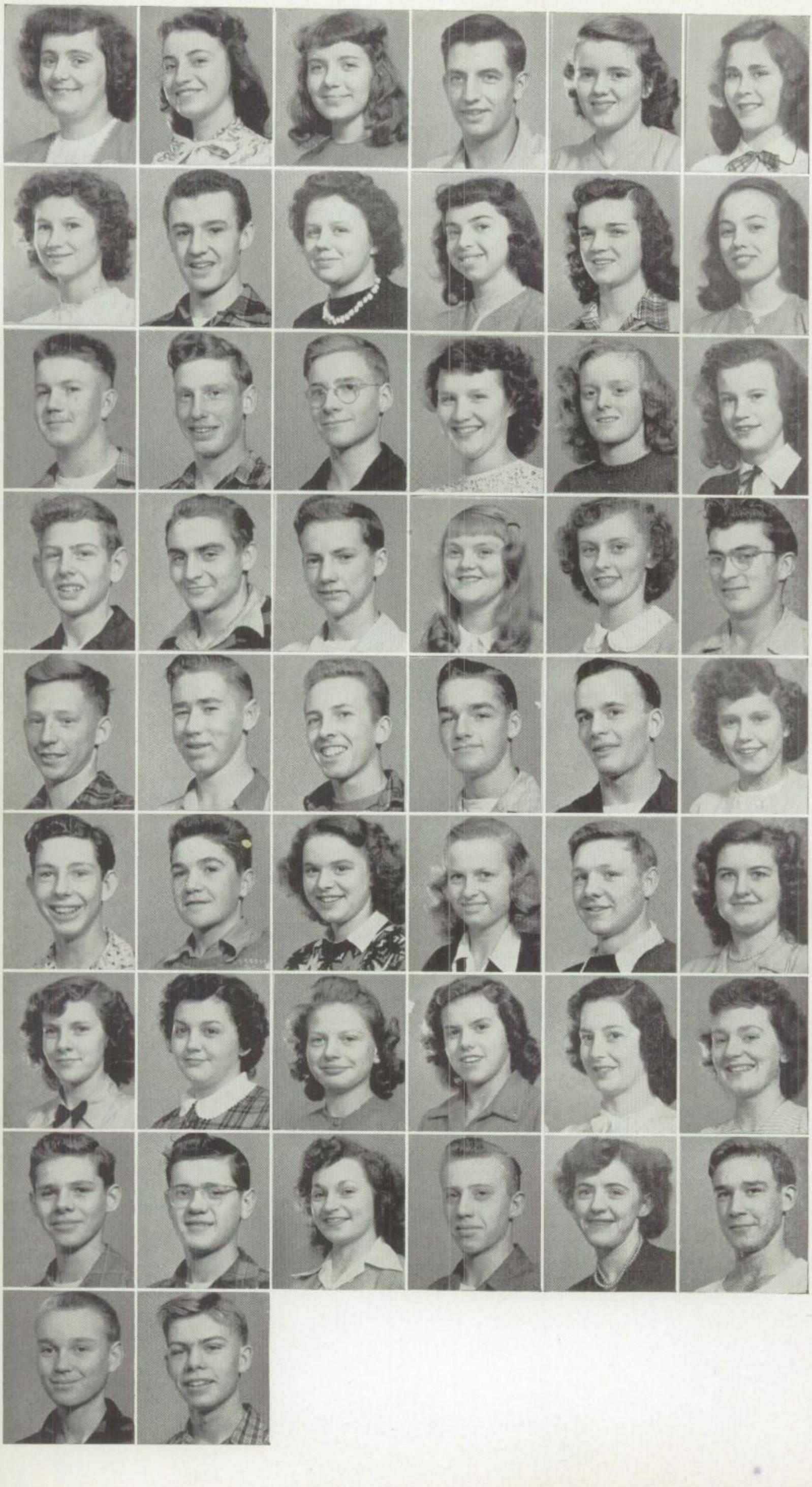
September 1946 and we were Juniors. We received our class rings during the first semester. We sponsored paper drives and really enjoyed ourselves while collecting the paper. They gave our treasury quite a lift. We also sold hot dogs at the football games. Candy and pop was sold at the basketball games. "Big Top Ball" was our class party. Decorations for the party were like a circus. On May 8 and 9 we presented "The Campbells are Coming" under the direction of Mrs. LeRoy. The play was a farce comedy with hillbilly trimmings. Our financial footing slipped when we entertained the Seniors on May 23 with the Junior-Senior Prom. The theme was Chinese.

Now for our final year. It hardly seemed possible that we were Seniors. The Class of "48" enjoying the privilege of the Senior Assembly. Early in the first semester we began preparing for our play, "Where's My Money?" which was presented December 11 and 12. It was under the direction of Mrs. Donald Cripps. Several baked goods sales were held and a profit was made on all of them. At the start of the second semester we were measured for caps and gowns, and we had our graduation pictures taken. Our party was held April 23 in the school gymnasium. On the 21st of May we were the guests of the Junior Class at the Banquet and Prom. The Banquet was held at the Methodist Church and the Prom afterwards at the school. Our Baccalaureate Service was held on May 23 at the Sparta Baptist Church. Then finally on Tuesday night May 25, we marched down the aisle to receive our diplomas. As we turned our tassels from one side to the other, we realized that we were no longer students of Sparta High School. We were looking to the future.

This however was not the end of our Senior year. The next day we boarded the "Greater Detroit" at Muskegon and made our boat trip to Chicago as a Senior class. The wonderful times we had on this trip will always remain in our memory.

UNDERCLASSMEN





Shirley Andrus, Joyce Axford,
Patricia Barendsen, Roy Baughan,
Evelyn Biggs, Merrilynn Bradford.

Arlene Brock, John Bull,
Doris Couturier, Dolores Dake,
Cynthia Davis, Georgene Davis.

Robert Falconer, Maurice Fulkerson
Malcolm Gilbert, Betty Grice,
Darlene Guiles, Clarice Gunneson.

Gordon Heath, Stanley Helmer,
Douglas Helsel, Alice Herman,
Shirley Hoekwater, Kenneth Hussey

George Jacoby, Leon Johnson,
Arthur Lenski, Kenneth Lockard,
Robert Lundberg, Alda Lutkes.

Donald Morrissette, Carlton Murphy
Patricia Norton, Charlene Olson,
Gordon Ostman, Dolores Preston.

Jeanette Reed, Wilma Reister,
Dorothy Reyburn, Carolyn Schwart
Joan Shepherd, Marlene Stark.

Jack Tuttle, Roger VanDenHout,
Margaret Watkins, Richard Webbe
Mary Welch, James White.

Joseph Winegarden, James Wyse.

Absentees

Lee Colby, Ronald Denton,
Joe Guiles, Lowell Johnson,
Robert Keech, Richard McKinney,
Charles Reynolds, Joseph Sidlauska
Cathola Sprague.

Junior Class

The Juniors started off the year with a bang by having their officers elected so they could get right to work. The following people held offices:

President . . . . . Joyce Axford
Vice President . . . . . Jeanette Reed
Secretary . . . . . Carolyn Schwartz
Treasurer . . . . . Georgene Davis

To counter balance the girls, an executive board of boys were elected as follows: John Bull, Bob Lundberg, Lee Colby, Douglas Helsel.

The Senate representatives were: Jeanette Reed, Lee Colby, Merrilyn Bradford, Carlton Murphy.

Library board representatives were: Charlene Olson and Roger VanDenHout. On the Athletic board we had Bob Lundberg.

In order to make money we put on a juke box dance after the first football game, and a regular school dance "Confetti Folly."

Pop, gum, candy, and popcorn were sold at all football and basketball games.

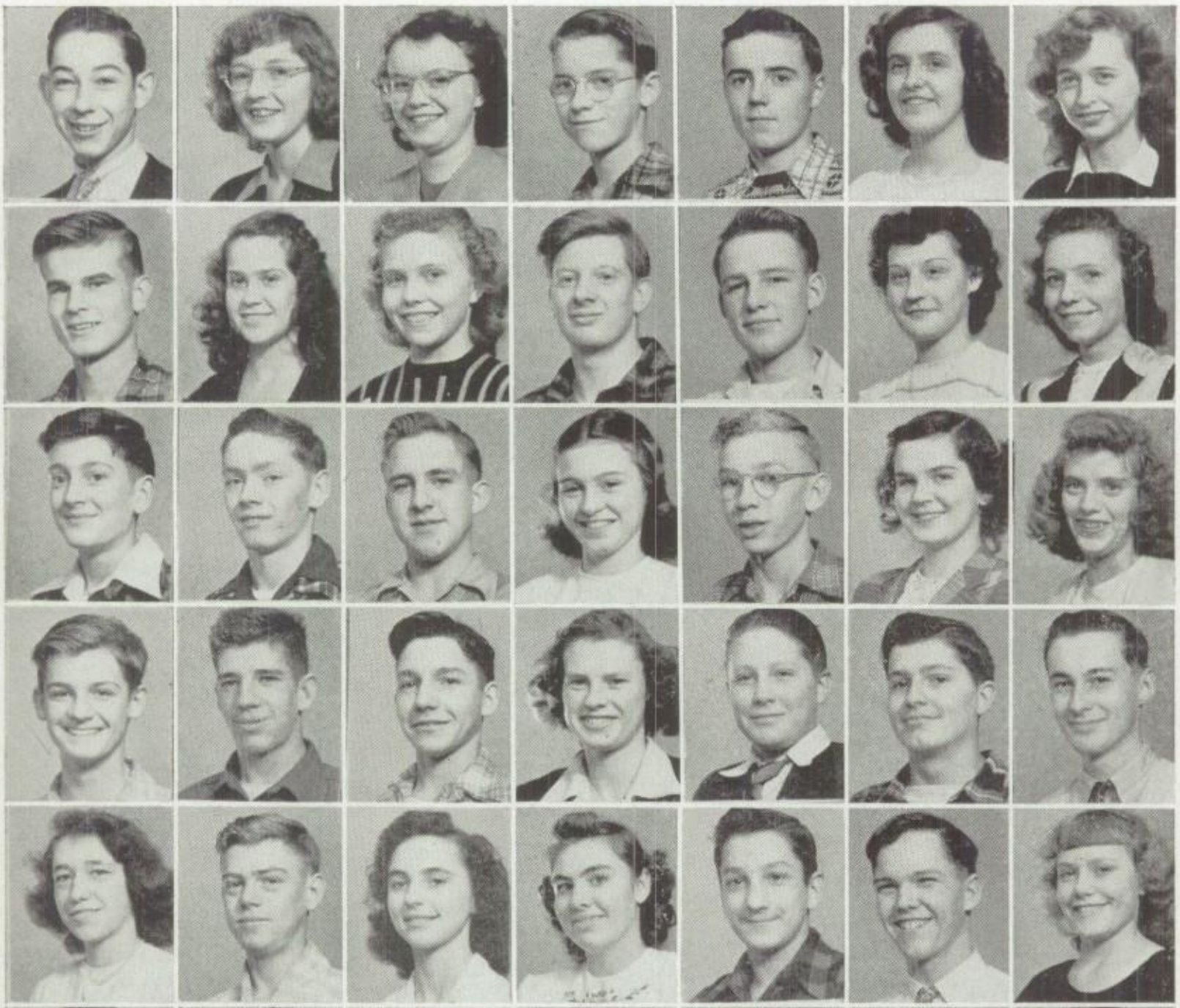
Decals and pencils were sold also.

The play, "The Gay Deception" directed by Mrs. Donald Cripps was a success.

Three paper drives were organized and everyone work hard on them.

The class as a whole was willing to cooperate in all projects. Much more was accomplished this year than any other year. Work has been started on next year's annual.

Under the capable advice of advisors Mr. Davis and Miss Rie most everything went along smoothly.



Karl Anderson, Joan Austin, Audrey Axford, Gordon Badgero Gordon Baehre, Loeta Baughan, Jacqueline Bradford.

Robert Bradford, Shirley Brady, Gail Brooks, Frank Bueche, Jack Brisbin, Barbara Carrier, Naomi DeVries.

Sanford Deyo, Jack Dufort, Carl Fahling, Carol Fahling, Ralph Fitzner, Jane Fraleigh, Rose Fulkerson.

Curtis Heft, Greydon Held, Alvin Hill, Edith Hoag, Roger Irish, Kenneth Jourdan, Charles Kasper.

Doris Kober, Alden Line, Betty Lonnee, Opal McClain, Carl Mosher, Robert Murphy, Joan Nequist.

Robert Norton, Robert Parks, Almeta Powell, Kathryn Rider, Eunice Ritz, Ray Romeyn, Juanita Sawicki.

Paul Schaefer, John Scholten, Florence Snyder, Lenore Sterkenberg, Leona Strau Mildred Straus, Delores Thorsen

Gerald Topping, Walter Towns, Robert Trudell, Delores Vanderw Gordon Welch, Delores Woolwort Carlton Youngquist.

Absentees

Jeanette Babcock, Edwin Bristol, Gene Brooks, Margaret Dewey, Lois Empie, Warren Guiles, Vivian Mutchler.

Sophomore Class

The class of 1950 started out the year by electing the following officers:

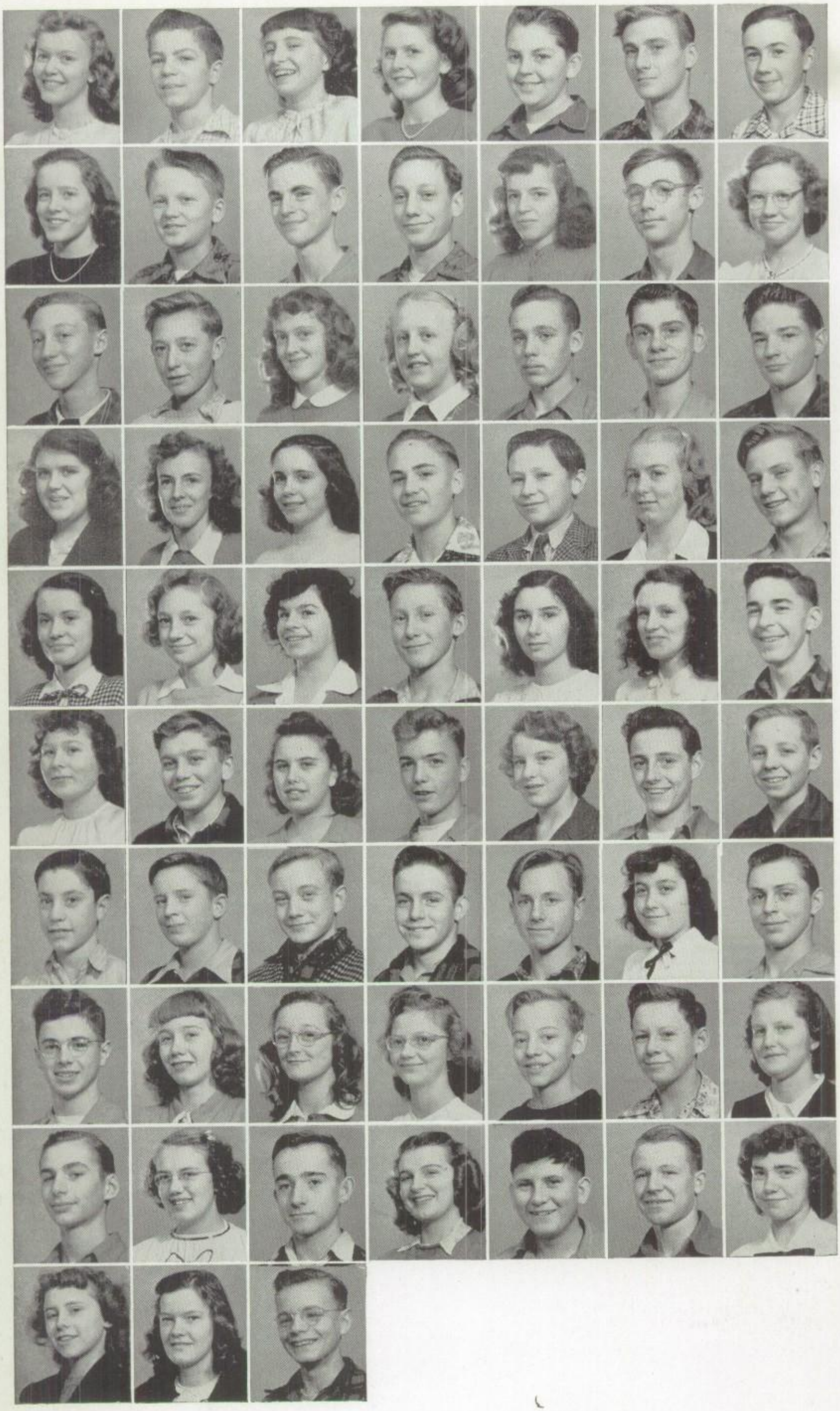
President	Bob Trudell
Vice President	Paul Schaefer
Secretary	Betty Lonnie
Treasurer	Karl Anderson

To represent us on the Senate, we chose Sanford Deyo, Jerry Topping, and Gordon Badgerow. Jacqueline Bradford and John Scholten represented us on the Library Board, and Gene Brooks on the Athletic Board. Mr. Gardner and Miss Douglass acted as our sponsors

For class projects, we had noon movies, two bake goods sales, and one used-fat drive.

On January 16, we sponsored the party "Frosty Frollic." The gym was decorated in blue and white with a false ceiling and balloons. Extra entertainment was provided by John Kik, accordianist, and Jim Blakesman who led some group dancing. Dick Homgren's orchestra from Grand Rapids furnished the music.

We are looking forward with a great deal of anticipation to our Junior year and the Prom.



Joan Allen, Charles Anderson, Mary Anderson, Theresa Arends, Donald Austin, Floyd Balyeat, Jr., Robert Beuschel.

Barbara Blackall, Lyle Bloom, Ivan Campbell, Carl Church, Delores Clay, Lowell Coster, Mary Courturier.

Basil Denhof, Gary Denhof, Marjorie Deyo, Ruth Elve, Waldo Fahling, Richard Farr, George Fifield.

Laverne Gillet, Betty Hanna, Barbara Hessel, Ronald Houk, Harold Irish, Ruth Johnson, Donald Kik.

Lois Klenk, Rachel Kutzli, Betty Lockard, Richard Lusk, Jacqueline McKinney, Janice Mill Murray Montgomery.

Dolores Moody, James Mortensen, Ardith Mutchler, Ronald Nokes, June Olmstead, Robert Pierson, James Parks.

Robert Powell, Gene Preston, Harvey Poling, Richard Reed, Gerald Reisner, Marilyn Reister, William Rogers.

Roger Saur, Mary Slapinski, Valda Smith, Patricia Spangenbu Donald Stanton, Franklin Steven Marilyn Stevens.

Arwin Swarthout, Virginia Terre John Thompson, Donna Towns, Donald Trudell, Frank Vanderhy Mary Jane VanDyke.

Martha Waldherr, Charlene Watkins, Kenneth Zwyghuizen.

Absentees

Rosa Strohmier, Leonard Andrus Richard Guiles, Gordon Krewson Marcia Potts, Faye Gillaim.

Freshmen Class

What do you think of the Freshmen Class? Don't answer that unless you are a Freshman, please! Well, anyway, we think we're pretty good – just as good as the Seniors. Funny, though – they don't agree. It won't be long, though, before it will be 1951 and we'll probably be the same way.

As we settled down to get something done in our first year of high school, we elected our officers as follows:

President . . . . . Joan Allen
Vice President . . . . . Bill Rogers
Secretary . . . . . Barbara Blackall
Treasurer . . . . . Janice Miller

We decided on Mr. Humeston, agriculture teacher, and Miss Carey, English and languages teacher, as our advisors.

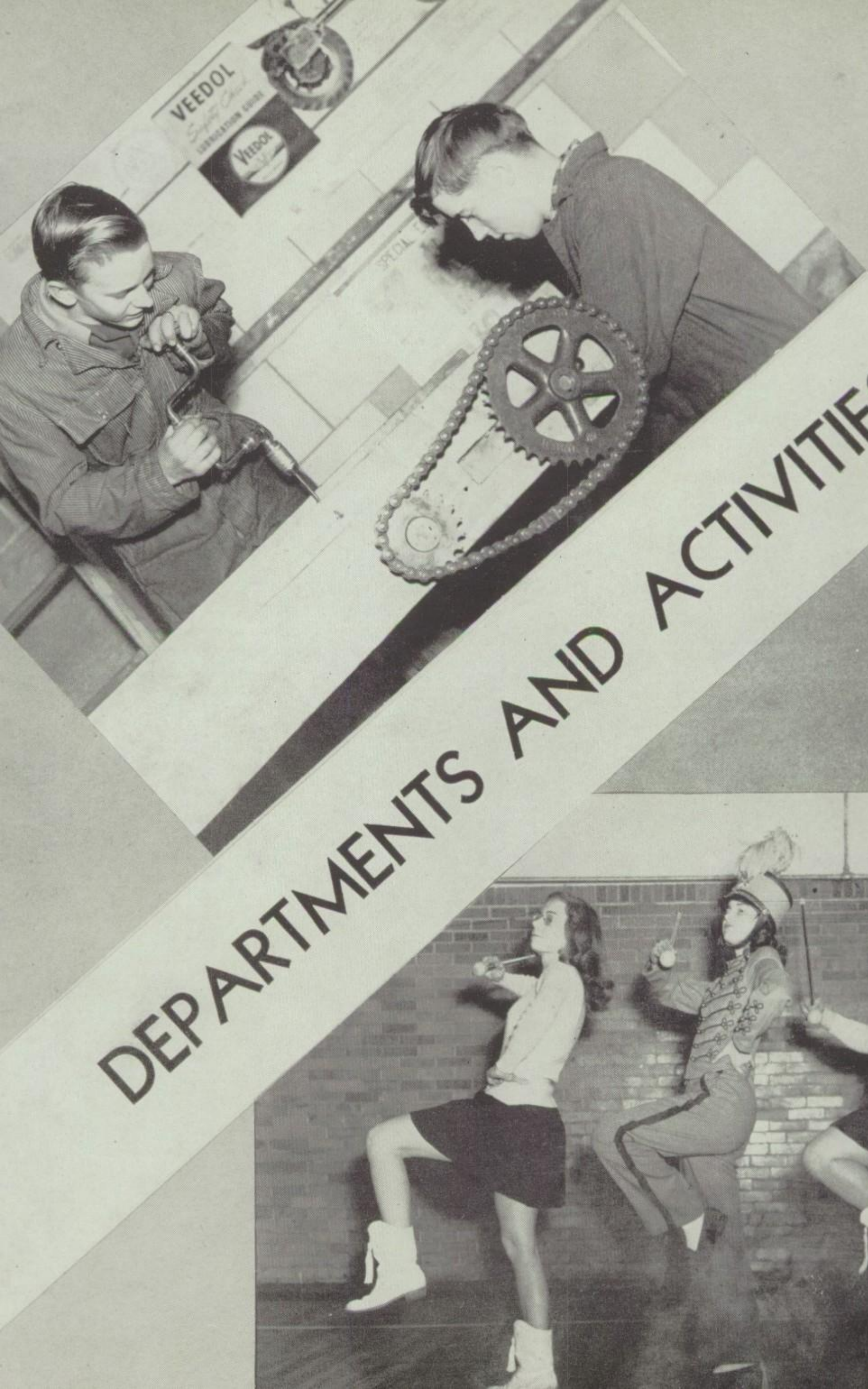
Ronald Nokes and George Fifield are our representatives in the Senate.

Our social highpoint of the year was the presentation of the "Freshman Frolic of '48" our first party. Richard Holmgren's orchestra furnished the music. At the intermission John Kik played several numbers on his accordion and we served ice cream and cake.

To get our treasury started we sold automatic pencils and Spartan plates. We have a good start.

Bill Rogers was chosen for the Athletic Board representative. Janice Miller and George Fifield were elected to put in our "two cents worth" on the library board.

DEPARTMENTS AND ACTIVITIES



Chuck Reynolds, Carlton Murphy, Bob Falkoner, Joe Guiles, Florence Reyburn, Margaret Watkins, Alda Lutkes, Joan Shepherd, Betty Grice, Gordon Ostman, Pat Norton, Arlene Brock, Joe Winegarden, Shirley Andrus.

Social Science Department

This department includes American Hisctory, World History, United States Government, and Sociology. American History is taught by Mr. Gardner while Mr. De Hart handles Government and sociology and Mr. Garant teaches the World History classes.

Economics was dropped this year in favor of Sociology, which has proved very successful and interesting. The Government class took a trip to Lansing to see the State Government in action. In American History everyone was given a chance to make a report upon some aspect of American History. World History makes a brief overall sketch of the history of the world.

Commerce Department

One of the largest and most popular departments in our school is the Commerce department, which has 170 students enrolled. Emphasis is placed on practical experience. Besides the regular courses offered which are: Business Training, Bookkeeping, Typing, Shorthand and Office Practice, students are given the opportunity to come in contact with business through personal interviews with office personnel, and through actual participation in work experience programs which expose Seniors to office routine. Besides this, they provide clerical assistance to the departments of our school. We have acquired some much needed equipment—namely a new Mimeograph and Mimeoscope.

Front Row:
Dick McKinney, Lois Empie, Jerry Topping.

Second Row:
Jean Tanner, Margaret Dewey, Karl Anderson, Bob Trudell, Ken Hussey, Gail Brooks.

Third Row:
Greydon Held, Carol Fahling, Kathryn Rider, Miss Rie, Doris Kober, Almeta Powell.

Evelyn Biggs, Jeanette Reed,
Wilma Reister, Jack Tuttle,
Jim Wyse, Mr. Tuttle,
Doris Courturier, Joyce Axford,
Carolyn Schwartz, Art Lenski,
Bob Lundberg, Merrilynn Bradford.

Science Department

Everything from broken test tubes to split atoms can be seen and smelled at this end of Sparta High. If it isn't some brave student volunteering to donate a drop of blood for the furthering of the cause, it's someone trying to throw a monkey-wrench into Einstein's Theory of Relativity. Some bright students are continually trying to make a perpetual motion machine, or create energy in some way or other. Between his three classes, physics, chemistry and biology, Mr. Tuttle is kept rather busy, but is always willing to help some future scientist on his way. So we see, in the untiring efforts of these students, the March of Science to the Future!

Mathematics Department

The mathematics department was very large this year, there being 155 students in classes. The subjects taught are general math, algebra, advance algebra, business arithmetic, plane geometry, solid geometry, and trigonometry.

The student of general math and business arithmetic, studied the fundamentals of arithmetic, taxes, and other mathematical problems of everyday life. The algebra classes learned to work with equations and to use them in solving problems. The geometry classes proved theorems and learned the various formulas for area and volume. Miss Douglas is the teacher of this department.

Standing:
Ray Oakes, Bill Lentz,
Ken DeYoung, Walt Beuschel,
Chuck Switzer, Miss Douglas,
Mary VanAntwerp, Louise Heft.

Seated:
Bernice Gunneson, Eleanor Deyo,
Noreen Davis, Doris Anderson.

Standing:
Miss Carey, Phyllis Klenk, Mary Ann Wegal, Elizabeth Newberg, Eleanor Deyo, Lee Colby, John Bull.

Seated:
Jean Tanner, Mildred Straus, Gail Brooks, Dolores Wiltenburg, Pat Barendsen, Alva Ritz, Mary Bailey, Kathryn Baehre, Chuck Reynolds.

Language Department

The language students have been having a fine time learning poems, songs, and history of the language they are studying. Miss Carey is doing a fine job to create an interest in subjects which may seem rather difficult to some.

The French classes are very interested in modern French problems and got valuable extra information from Miss Carey who spent last year in France.

The classes co-operated with the correspondence club in sponsoring a drive for used clothing for the French people. The drive was successful and as the result, friendships were created between our classes and France.

The Latin class was also active in outside interests. Their main project was a Roman banquet which was given at the end of the year.

Standing:
Miss Ferneau, George Fifield, Franklin Stevens, Mary Courturier, Betty Hanna, Mary Slapinski, Ivan Campbell, Martha Waldherr.

Second Row:
Bill Rogers, Ronnie Nokes, Janice Miller, Jackie McKinney, Lois Klenk.

First Row:
Faye Gilliam, Mary Jane VanDyke, Donna Towns, Joan Allen, Donald Stanton.

Dick Webber, Lewis Salisbury, Carl Fahling, Bob Norton, Lowell Johnson.

Industrial Arts Department

The shop classes this year had one of the largest enrollments in their history; 93 enrolled in the general shop and 19 in the farm shop.

General shop is offered from the 7th through the 12th grades. It is a study of working with wood, metal, drawing, and machines.

Farm shop is offered to students in the 10th through the 12th and is taught in conjunction with vocational agriculture and general shop.

Mr. Van Hoesen is the instructor of the two shop classes and has assisted his boys in many ways.

Bob Powell, Dick Lusk, Don Weis.

Douglas Helsel, Barth Murray, Roy Baughan, John Thompson, Leon Johnson, Maurice Fulkerson, Lowell Johnson, Robert Keech, Richard Lusk, Richard McKinney, Mr. Fred Humeston, Phillip Schaefer.

Agricultural Department and F. F. A.

The agriculture department was very popular with the boys this year, having an enrollment of 51. You will find the Sparta Chapter 17 of the F.F.A. working with the Ag classes.

The officers for the year are as follows:

President . . . . . Phil Schaefer
Vice President . . . . Dick Webber
Secretary . . . . . Maurice Roberts
Treasurer . . . . . Joe Sidlauskus

For social activities, the F.F.A. had its annual hay ride in October, and on March 18, a barn dance was given with bales of straw and crepe paper as decorations.

Two demonstrations were given by the boys this year. One was a demonstration of potatoes, and the other on clean milk.

This department is under the able direction of Mr. Humeston.

Seated:
Mr. Fred Humeston, Robert Bradford, Alvin Hill, Richard Webber, Joseph Sidlauskas, Wayne Youngquist.

Second Row:
Phillip Schaefer, Gerald Schwartz, Lowell Coster, Carl Fahling, Waldo Fahling, Charles Kasper, Roger Irish, Harold Irish, Robert Keech, Kenneth Jourdan.

Third Row:
Ronald Houk, Edwin Bristol, Richard Reed, Lowell Johnson, Roy Baughan, Curtis Heft, Kenneth Hussey, Leon Johnson, Warren Guiles, Robert Murphy.

Laverne Gillet, Miss Burman,
Virginia Terrell, Betty Lockard,
Ardith Mutchler, Charlene Watkins,
Ruth Elve, Rachel Kutzli,
Barbara Blackall, Dolores Moody.

Home Economics Department and F. H. A.

Home Economics is offered to students in the 8th through the 12th grades. It consists mainly of sewing and cooking. The girls learn the art of being well dressed by making some of their own clothes. They also study homemaking and furnishings.

F. H. A. is an organization of girls taking Home Ec. They work hand in hand with the F. F. A. in sponsoring a barn dance and a pancake supper. Other projects include hot-dog sales and a bake goods sale. Officers for the year include:

Vivian Mutchler	President
Corrinne Moody . . .	Vice President
Jackie Bradford	Secretary
Noreen Davis	Treasurer

Miss Burman is the instructor of the Home Economics Department and acts as advisor of the F. H. A.

Top Row:
Pat Spangenburg, Charlene Watkins, Vivian Mutchler, Colleen Lawhon, Marilyn Erhart, Frances Hormig, Jackie Bradford, Shirley Brady, Delores Clay, Dolores Moody.

Middle Row:
Miss Burman, Audrey Axford, Ardith Mutchler, Florence Reyburn, Mary Anderson, Margaret Watkins, Maryellen Colby, Shirley Hoekwater, Delores VanderWood, June Olmstead, Betty Lockard.

First Row:
Ruth Elve, Barbara Blackall, Rachel Kutzli, Pat Black, Florence Snyder, Opal McClain, Edith Hoag, Laverne Gillet.

Mary Welch, Darlene Guiles, Mary Colby, Mary VanAntwerp, Mrs. Todd, Margaret Dewey, Lenore Sterkenberg, Corrinne Moody, Bill Sheckler, Marilyn Erhart, Bob McCracken, Lewis Salisbury.

Art Department

"Van Dyke, Michelangelo, Da Vinci!", and many more no doubt are just names to you, but not to the Art Department. Each represents some form of beauty, honor, joy or sadness and it is the duty of Art students to recognize each.

Some of our art will never be seen outside of the studio but each and everyone found fun and enjoyment in his work.

Over twenty students did have a chance to exhibit their art work at Rockford, and everyone seemed very interested in it.

With Mrs. Todd at the easel, next year's classes will be even more enjoyable than this year.

Junior Play

For our first dramatic attempt, we chose "The Gay Deception" by Austin Goetz. This farce in three acts was presented January 22 and 23 in the gym. We were directed by Mrs. Donald Cripps.

We are looking forward with a lot of pleasure to our play of next year.

The cast included the following:

Joyce Axford
Jack Tuttle
Pat Barendsen
Shirley Andrus
Jeanette Reed
John Bull
Joe Winegarden
Merrilynn Bradford
Carolyn Schwartz
Charlene Olson
Roger VanDenHout
Carlton Murphy
Gordon Heath
Jim Wyse

Standing:
Joyce Axford, Clarice Gunneson, Marlene Stark, Cathola Sprague, Wilma Reister, Pat Barendsen, John Bull, Shirley Andrus, Stanley Helmer, Joan Shepherd, Dick McKinney, Joe Winegarden, Jim Wyse, Roger VanDenHout, Evelyn Biggs, Carleton Murphy.

Seated:
Georgene Davis, Jeanette Reed, Margaret Watkins, Carolyn Schwartz, Gordon Heath, Merrilynn Bradford, Charlene Olson.

Standing:
Gordon Colby, Ken DeYoung, Bill Sheckler.

Seated:
Max Nason, Jean Tanner, Joyce Blackall, Phyllis Klenk.

Annual Staff

Jean Tanner was elected to serve as Editor of this year's Spartan during our Junior year. She worked with last year's annual staff in order to get acquainted with the duties and difficulties in producing an annual. Gordon Colby is our business Manager. Assisting them in their work are:

Joyce Blackall . . Advertising Editor
Bill Sheckler . . . . . Art Editor
Phyllis Klenk . . Photography Editor
Max Nason . . . . . Sales Manager
Ken De Young . . . Write-Ups Editor

The staff, with the help of our sponsors, Mr. Van Hoesen and Mrs. Todd, engaged Dean-Hicks of Grand Rapids to print the Spartan and Versluis Studio to take the pictures. Ridgley's Studio also helped with picture taking.

It would be impossible to name all those who helped produce this annual, but a few names should be mentioned because of the vast amount of help given to us by them. Chuck Switzer, Irene Brooks, and especially Mr. Gardner made our job very much easier by giving us so much of their time. We also wish to thank any one else who in any way helped to make our annual a success.

Standing:
Mike Feichtenbiner, Mr. Gardner, Jerry Topping, Ronnie Nokes, Gordon Colby, Jim Norris, George Fifield, Lee Colby, Mr. DeHart, Pete Heath.

Seated:
Sanford Deyo, Gordon Badgerow, Jean Tanner, Merrilynn Bradford, Ken DeYoung, Eleanor Deyo, Jeanette Reed, Carleton Murphy.

Senate

The Senate, under the guidance of Mr. DeHart and Mr. Gardner, has forged its way into the spotlight of recognition this year as one of the outstanding organizations in the school.

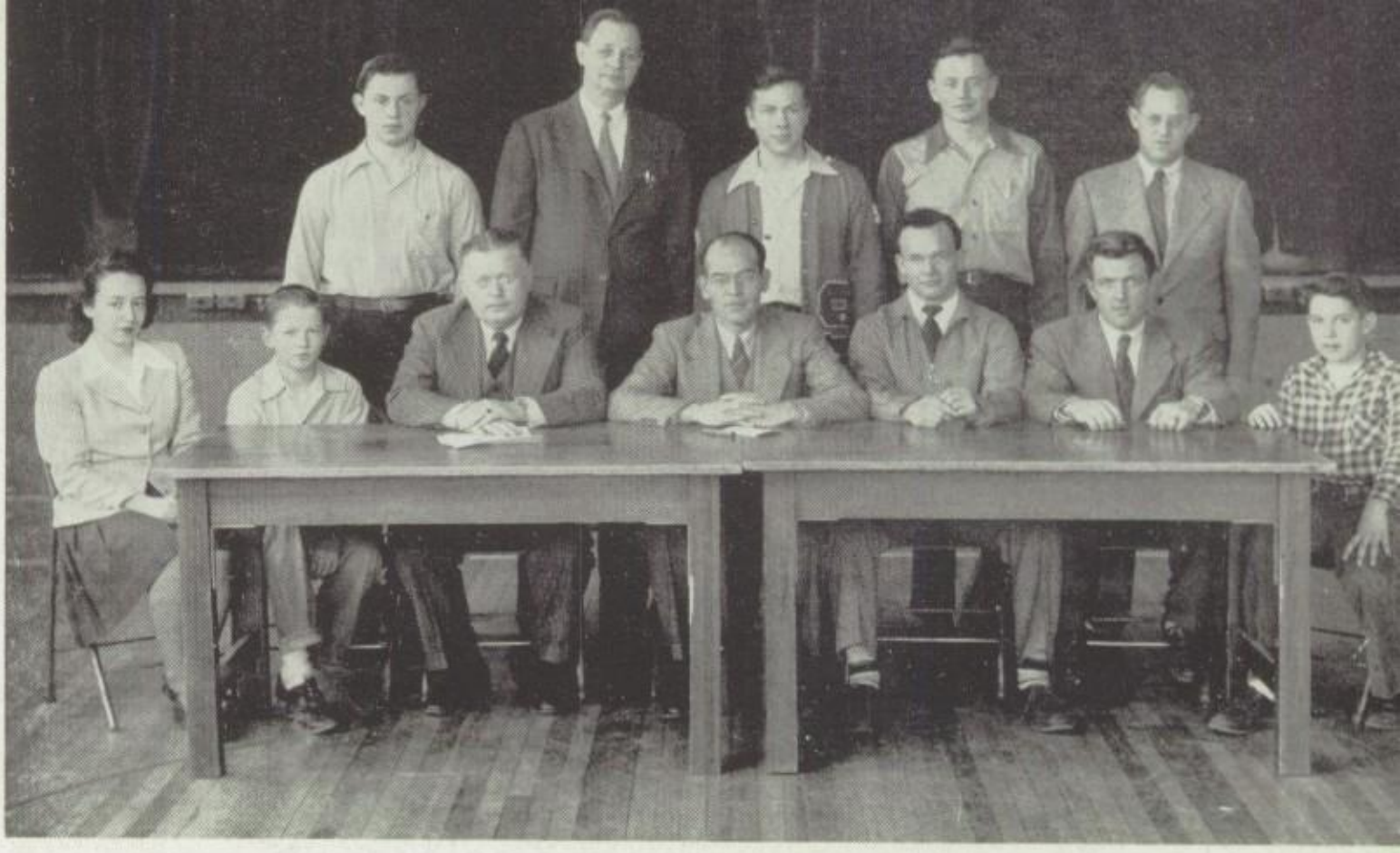
Elected as officers of the year were:

President . . . . . Ken DeYoung
Vice President . . Merrilynn Bradford
Secretary . . . . . Jean Tanner

Members of the Senate are elected by the classes they represent.

A Hallowe'en party and a Christmas party stand out as two of the more important Senate sponsored activities of the year. Mr. John Shaerif, Dr. T. Sugiyama, Paul Phillips, and John Dregge spoke to us about many of the basic problems in the modern world. Les Erbes and Phil Hogan pointed out some of the difficulties of a business or profession and the preparation necessary for their occupations. Other assemblies prepared by the students themselves were given also.

Many school improvement projects were carried out by the Senate. Among them were a new bookcase and the signs regulating traffic in the halls.



Standing:
Bill Rogers, Mr. Tuttle, Gene Brooks, Gordon Colby, Mr. Todd.

Seated:
Mrs. Smith, Dick Anderson, Mr. DeHart, Mr. Gardner, Bob Lundberg, Mr. Garant, Jerry Sheckler.

Athletic Board

The Athletic Board is an organization of students and faculty who meet to discuss and solve the problems which arise concerning athletics. The Board must also approve the awarding of athletic letters.

Student members are chosen by their classes, one from each class. Any faculty member having connection with athletics is automatically a member of the Board.

Mr. Gardner serves as chairman, members of the Board are:

Mr. Tuttle
Mr. De Hart
Mr. Todd
Mr. Garant
Mrs. Smith
Gordon Colby, Sr.
Bob Lundberg, Jr., and Secretary
Gene Brook, Soph.
Bill Rogers, Frosh.
Jerry Sheckler, 8th Grade
Dick Anderson, 7th Grade

Cheerleaders

The cheerleaders have done a good job this year. They want to improve next year with a lot of things. The girls were trying to get a Pep Club. They are still working on it and hope to have it by next year.

They have had a good attendance. Joan Nequist has not missed a game since becoming a cheerleader.

The girls have been under Mr. V. Y. Tuttle's advice, and appreciated it very much and plan on him for next year.

Back Row:
Margaret Watkins, Carolyn Schwartz, Mr. Tuttle, Pat Norton, Carol Fahling, Martha Waldherr.

Front Row:
Kathryn Rider, Joan Nequist, Jane Fraleigh, Pat Kelley.

Fourth Row:
Bob Lundberg, Ronnie Nokes, Mike Feichtenbiner, Don Thorson, Eugene Ostman, Janet Amburgey, Dolores Dake, Jim Norris, Gordon Ostman.

Third Row:
Mary Slapinski, Doug Helsel, Bob Trudell, Roger VanDenHout, Pat Barendsen, Evelyn Biggs, Frank Berger, Pete Heath.

Second Row:
Faye Gilliam, Don Stanton, Janice Anderson, Jackie Bradford, Janice Miller, Merrilynn Bradford, Lenore Sterkenberg, Loeta Baughan, Clarice Gunneson, Carol Fahling, Max Nason.

First Row:
Jean Tanner, Gloria Mills, Jane Fraleigh, John Bull, Bud Heath, Art Lenski, Joe Winegarden, Betty Lockard, Pat Kelley.

Standing:
Mr. Davis, Bud Heath, Joe Winegarden.

Second Row:
Jane Fraleigh, Merrilynn Bradford, Janice Miller, Lenore Sterkenberg, Max Nason, Doug Helsel, Evelyn Biggs, Jim Norris, Mike Feichtenbiner, Jat Barendsen, Faye Gilliam.

First Row:
Bernice Gunneson, Elizabeth Newberg, Joyce Axford, Charlene Olson, Dee Dake.

Music Department

The Music Department, with true tradition, has carried out a more varied and far reaching program this year than ever before.

The band, the pride of Sparta High School, was on hand at all football games with the colorful majorettes and sparkling instruments. As an extra added attraction this year, miniature lights were added on the uniform caps with which to make formations in the dark. After football season the band's main object was to get ready for the spring concert on April sixteenth. Excitement was very high as the Sparta High School band participated in the District Festival on April Third. The result was that the band took 3rd place in the contest.

The chorus on their regular Christmas program did an excellent job with the traditional numbers. The main attraction of the evening was the pantomine of Santa Claus in "It was the Night Before Christmas." The spring concert on May fifth was very colorful, as one hundred and twenty-two voices filled the air with such lyrics as "Blue Skies," "Beyond the Blue Horizon," and a special number "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes" by the Senior members of the chorus.

The orchestra this year, although small, did an excellent job of playing at the Junior and Senior plays, and at Commencement. Their annual concert was held May fifth along with the chorus.

Much credit should be given to Mr. Jack Davis for the wonderful and patient way in which he directs the music department.

Seated:
Barth Murray, Almeta Powell, John Bull, Eleanor Deyo, Ken DeYoung, Martha Waldherr.

Second Row:
Miss Ferneau, Mary Anderson, Joyce Blackall, Joan Allen, Elizabeth Newberg, Ardis Hale, Mary Anne Wegal, Merrilynn Bradford.

Third Row:
Dolores Preston, Cathryn Herman, Phyllis Klenk, Wilma Reister, Colleen Lawhon, Mary Bailey, Carol Fahling, Pat Norton.

Fourth Row:
Chuck Welch, Kathryn Baehre, Bob McCracken, Ray Oakes, Jim Wyse, Gordon Ostman, Chuck Switzer, Joe Winegarden, Carolyn Schwartz.

Journalism

There are thirty-five members in Journalism this year. Three Freshmen, three Sophomores, ten Juniors, and nineteen Seniors. The Freshmen will continue their Journalism work throughout their four years of school. One of them will become editor in his senior year.

The paper comes out once every second week and averages ten pages plus the cover. It is financially independent, being sold to the students as well as the businessmen of Sparta.

The Journalism class ended the year with a picnic which included steak and baseball.

Journalism staff for 1947 is as follows:

Editor	Eleanor Deyo
Ass't Editor	John Bull
Bus. Manager	Ken DeYoung
Ad. Manager	Sanford Deyo
Salesman	Mary Anne Wegal
Advisor	Miss Ferneau

Correspondence Club

This club, which was organized last year under the sponsorship of the Sparta Rotary Club, today is outstanding in the community. Much of its progress may be attributed to the guidance of Mr. William H. DeHart who has acted as advisor.

Representatives of the Correspondence Club have spoken at Rotary Clubs in Grandville, White Cloud, Coopersville, Big Rapids, Holland and Sturgis. They have also taken part in programs for various local organizations.

The officers for this year were Jim Norris, President; Elizabeth Newberg, Secretary; and Mary Anne Wegal, Treasurer.

Members of the club correspond with students in England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales, France, Belgium, The Netherlands, Germany, Denmark, Finland, Sweden, Greece, Italy, Australia, China, Mexico, and Siam.

In December the Correspondence Club sent six boxes of clothing to France.

Seated:
Joyce Blackall, Florence Reyburn, Ardis Hale, Elizabeth Newberg, Mary Anne Wegal, Phyllis Klenk, Louise Heft.

Second Row:
Mr. DeHart, Jean Tanner, Dolores Thorson, Pat Kelley, Colleen Lawhon, Rose Hammerlind, Doris Anderson, Evelyn Johnson, Mary Bailey, Gloria Mills, Joyce Axford, Maryalyce VanAntwerp, Mr. Alvin Reister.

Third Row:
Frances Hormig, Cathryn Herman, Ray Oakes, Jerry Schwartz, Jim Norris, Chuck Switzer, Maurice Roberts, Bill Lentz, Wilma Reister, Kathryn Baehre, Jane Fraleigh.

Standing:
Director LeRoy, Louise Heft, Irene Brooks, Marilyn Erhart, Eleanor Deyo, Ray Oakes, Jerry Schwartz, Mary Anne Wegal, Max Nason, Chuck Welch, Noreen Davis, Joyce Blackall, Bernice Gunneson, Pat Black.

Kneeling:
Jim Norris, Phyllis Klenk, Chuck Switzer, Elizabeth Newberg, Mary Van Antwerp, Gordon Colby, Ardis Hale, Jerry Goering, Kathryn Baehre, Ken DeYoung.

Junior Play

The class of '48 started off their Junior Play by giving a farce-comedy in three acts. The name of this play was "The Campbells Are Coming" by Jay Tobias. The characters were:

Ma Brannigan . . . . . Ardis Hale
Catalpa Tapp . . . . . Kathryn Baehre
Betty Brannigan . . . . . Phyllis Klenk
Dick Brannigan . . . . . Jim Norris
Bildad Tapp . . . . . Ken DeYoung
Cyrus Scudder . . . . . Jerry Goering
Jeffrey Scudder . . . . . Gordon Colby
Kaye Brannigan . Maryalyce VanAntwerp
Kingston Campbell . . Chuck Switzer
Mrs. Augusta Campbell . . . . . Elizabeth Newberg

Our play was under the direction of Mrs. Ruth LeRoy. The cast presented the play the eighth and ninth day of May.

Senior Play

Oh yes, we also gave a Senior Play entitled "Where's My Money?". This was a modern farce-comedy in three acts by Wilbur Braun. The class of '48 presented this play December 11 and 12 under the direction of Mrs. Donald Cripps. The cast of characters were as follows:

Wallace Brindle . . . . Jim Norris
Effie Brindle . . . . Kathryn Baehre
Betty Brindle . Maryalyce VanAntwerp
Marge Brindle . . . . Phyllis Klenk
Aunt Bertha Brindle . Elizabeth Newberg
Rodney Banker . . . . Chuck Switzer
Marian Mohr . . . Cathryn Herman
Harmon Sand . . . . Ken DeYoung
Dr. Nettie Stevenson . Mary Anne Wegal
Don Jose Eldorado . . . . Bill Lentz
Grant Harmon . . . . . Ray Oakes

After the two performances the cast smears its make-up off for "Chicken in the Rough!"

Top Row:
Bill Lentz, Jim Norris, Chuck Switzer, Ken DeYoung, Jerry Schwartz.

Middle Row:
Max Nason, Ray Oakes, Eleanor Deyo, Cathryn Herman, Mary Anne Wegal.

Bottom Row:
Colleen Lawhon, Elizabeth Newberg, Kathryn Baehre, Mary VanAntwerp, Phyllis Klenk.

Junior-Senior Prom

On May 23, 1947, the annual Junior-Senior Prom was given for the Senior Class by the Class of '48. The theme was Chinese, and the class spent many long hours on the decorations.

The evening started with an elaborate banquet held in the dining room of the Sparta Methodist Church. The dining room was decorated to represent a Chinese sunken-garden, with lotus blossoms adding to the oriental effect.

Following a delicious meal, the Senior Class will was read, and there was much jesting over it's impossibilities. To conclude the program a Chinese farewell was given to the Class of '47 by the Class of '48, when for the first time the Juniors realized that the Seniors were not so bad after all.

After the Banquet, the Seniors were escorted to the High School Auditorium where the evening was highlighted by a well planned Prom. Hundreds of multi-colored lights reflected by the goldfiish pond produced an effect that has never been achieved before in the Auditorium.

Florence Lenski and Ken Colby were crowned Queen and King of the Prom. Those attending elected them. Florence and Ken were presented with appropriate gifts by the Class of '48.

The King and Queen reigned during the intermission and entertainment was provided. The Girls' Trio, consisting of Jean Tanner, Martha Lee Nason, and Elverna Metzger sang "My Chinese Rose," and "Chinatown," garbed in Chinese attire. They were well received by the audience. Joanne Schwab received a lot of applause also for her tap-dancing.

This Prom is one that will long be remembered by all those who attended as one of the most outstanding in Sparta's history.

The first picture below is of the Junior-Senior Banquet. Note the Chinese lanterns hanging from the ceiling. Chinese favors also carried out the theme.

The middle picture is of the girls' trio singing for the King and Queen during the intermission.

The third picture is a snap of the Prom in full swing. Perhaps you recognize some of the dancers.

Florence Lenski, Ken Colby

The Senior Class of 1948

PRESENTS:

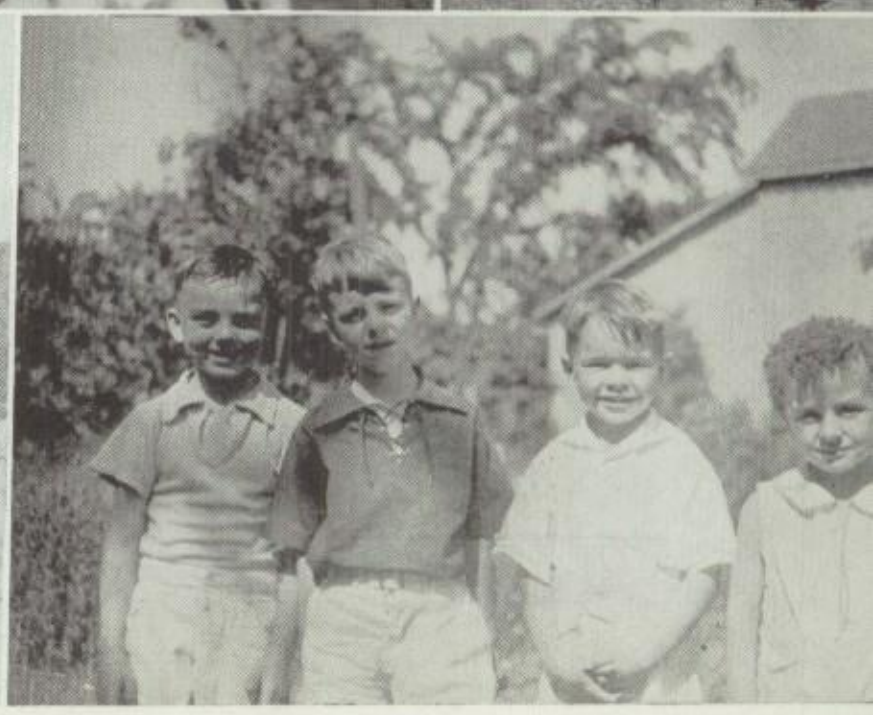
QUEEN

PHYLLIS KLENK

COURT

DORIS ANDERSON, JEAN TANNER
KATHRYN BAEHRE

The queen and her court were selected from the senior class by the senior boys. Beauty and personality were the basis for selectiion.



ATHLETICS

Standing:
Coach Garant, Bill Sheckler, Jack Tuttle, Jim Norris, Chuck Switzer, Gordie Ostman, Jim Wyse, Ken DeYoung, Kenny Lockard, Ronnie Nokes, Carlton Murphy.

Middle Row:
Bill Lentz, Bob Keech, George Fifield, Bill Rogers, Don Kik, Lee Colby, Bob Lundberg, Gordon Colby, Dick Reed.

Bottom Row:
Jack Dufort, Jim White, Don Weis, Gene Brooks, Barth Murray, Bob McCracken, Jerry Goering, John Bull.

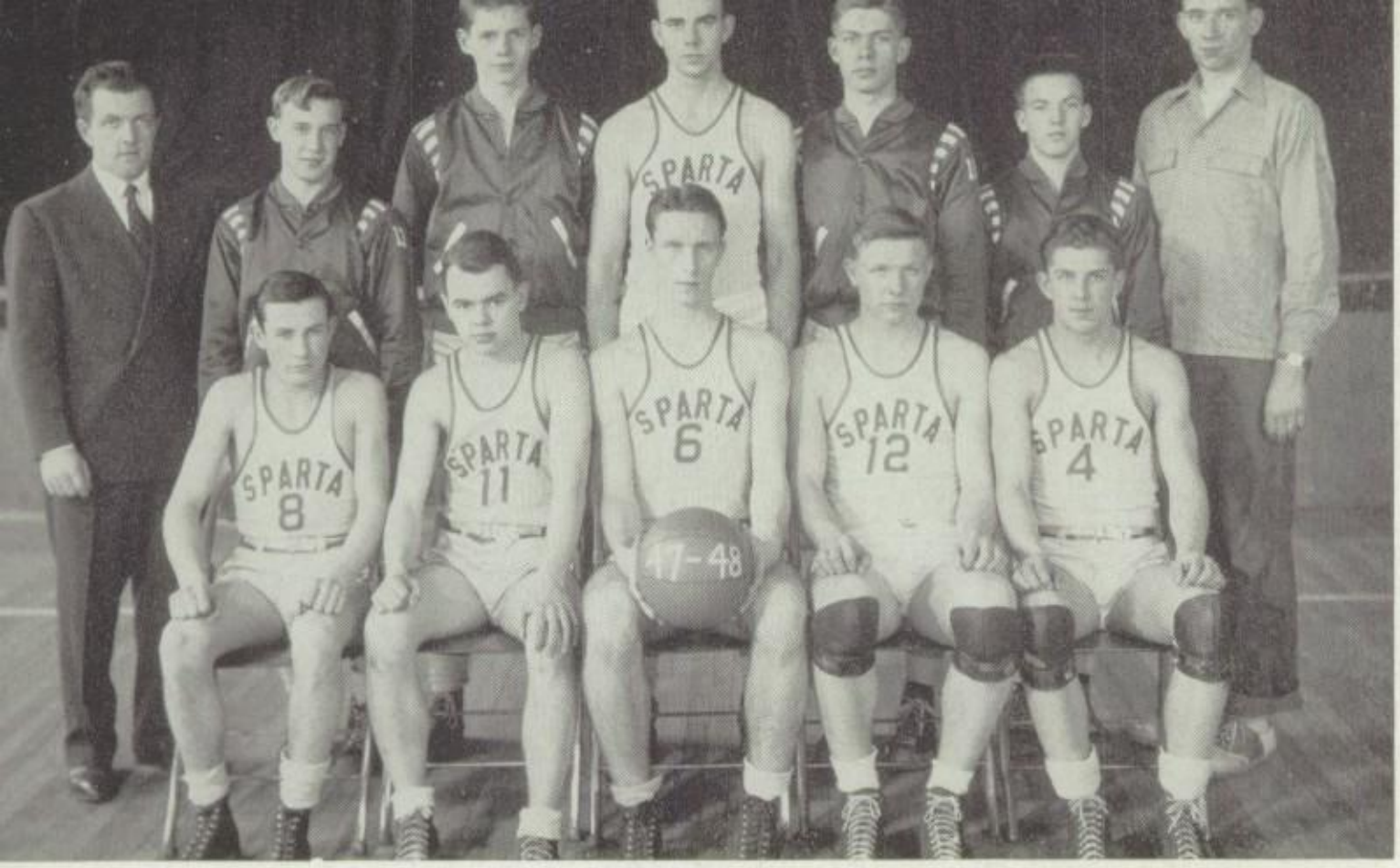
Football - 1947

Sparta had a poor season this year. They won one game, lost seven games, and tied one. Five of these losses came by single touchdown margins. The Spartans were defeated by their rivals, Cedar Springs, 21 to 0. They played Rockford, Lee, Zeeland, Big Rapids, Comstock Park, and Grant. The Spartans almost upset Grant, NCAA champions, in a game that was played in a snow and sleet storm.

Coach Garant was injured in an automobile accident and had to have his back in a cast during the football season. This handicapped the coach very much. Murray, Goering, Switzer, and Wyse also received injuries which kept them out of action some of the time.

The coach was Richard Garant and Carlton Murphy served as manager. Mr. Garant substituted often, giving many boys action in the games. Fourteen players who won letters will be returning next year.

Bob Lundberg and Bill Sheckler were the leading ground gainers, while Bob McCracken was the passer with Bill Sheckler, Chuck Switzer, and Ken Lockard on the receiving end. Bill Sheckler was the leading scorer and Bob Lundberg was next. Brooks, Switzer, Ostman, G. Colby, and Tuttle were named on the Ken-Owa Honor team, Brooks making first team selections. Gordon Colby and Bill Sheckler were named co-captains.



Standing:
Coach Garant, Gordon Badgerow, Bill Rogers, Maurice Faulkerson, Jack Dufort, Gene Brooks, Chuck Anderson.

Seated:
Gerald Reisner, John Bull, Bob Falconer, Bob Lundberg, Bob Norton.

Basketball

Sparta enjoyed a very successful basketball season, taking second place in the Ken-Owa League with a 6-3 record. Sparta won the Consolation Trophy at the league tournament. The Spartans played 13 games, winning 8.

The Spartan's coach was Mr. Garant while Jim Norris served as manager. Chuck Switzer and Bill Sheckler acted as co-captains and made the Ken-Owa honor team. Switzer led the scoring with 191 points, averaging 14 points per game. Sheckler scored 70 points, followed by Goering and Ostman, each with 65 points, DeYoung with 49, and McCracken 48. Sparta played Coopersville, Hudsonville, Comstock Park, Cedar Springs, Grant, Newaygo, and Kent City. Sparta scored 513 points to their opponent's 483.

For the varsity, Sheckler, McCracken, Switzer, Goering, Ostman, and DeYoung saw the most action. Throughout their high school career Switzer scored 468 points, McCracken made 272, Sheckler scored 219, Goering made 156, and DeYoung scored 96 points.

The reserves won 10 and lost 2 and were co-champions of the reserve league. Falconer, Reisner, and Bull were the leading scorers.

Standing:
Coach Garant, Jim White, Jack Tuttle, Ken DeYoung, Jim Wyse, Barth Murray, Manager Norris.

Seated:
Bob McCracken, Jerry Goering, Chuck Switzer, Gordon Ostman, Bill Sheckler.

Co-Captains:
Chuck Switzer, Bill Sheckler

Kneeling:
Jim White, Lee Colby, Bob McCracken, Chuck Switzer, Ken Colby, Dick Sterkenberg, Bill Sheckler.

Standing:
Coach Todd, Roy Baughan, Dick Straight, Gordie Colby, Jack Dufort, Jerry Goering, Ed Paas, Carlton Murphy.

Baseball - 1947

Sparta's baseball team finished a highly successful season. They finished first to take the Ken-Owa league championship. They won 5 games and lost 1. The Spartans made 87 hits and scored 63 runs. The Todd-coached Spartans averaged 10 runs and 15 hits per game. Scores:

Sparta	1	Hudsonville	5
Sparta	9	Kent City	2
Sparta	28	Comstock	0
Sparta	10	Cedar	8
Sparta	5	Coopersville	2
Sparta	9	Sand Lake	1
Total	63	Total	19

Dick Sterkenberg led hitting with a 680 average. Chuck Switzer and Ken Colby were next with 542. Gordon Colby hit 522. The record:

Player	AB	H	2B	3B	HR	R	AVE
Stekenberg	25	17	3	1	2	11	680
Switzer	24	13	2	1	0	5	542
K. Colby	24	13	3	2	0	8	542
G. Colby	23	12	1	2	0	11	522
McCracken	25	12	2	1	0	9	480
Sheckler	21	8	1	1	0	6	381
Goering	20	6	2	0	0	3	300
L. Colby	14	3	1	0	0	4	215
White	17	3	0	0	0	2	180

Sheckler and Sterkenberg did the pitching and McCracken did the catching. The pitching record:

Player	IN	W	L	BB	SO	H	R
Sheckler	23	2	1	7	27	18	12
Sterkenberg	16	3	0	6	19	9	7

Coach Todd deserves a great amount of credit for his championship team.

Back Row:
Maurice Fulkerson, Dean Allen, Gordon Ostman, Bob Lundberg, Coach Garant.

First Row:
Carl Mosher, Barth Murray, Chuck Reynolds, Joe Guiles.

Track - 1947

The Spartan thinclads entered into three meets. Sparta had a four-way meet with Newaygo, Cedar Springs, and Grant; a meet with Cedar in which Sparta won; and the Ken-Owa league meet. They finished second in the Ken-Owa league race.

Dick Garant coached the team and eight won letters. They were Guiles, Allen, Hall, Fulkerson, Lundberg, Murray, Straight, and Baker.

Joe Guiles took fourth place in the mile in the Regionals in a close race with top-flight competitors.

Flash! Sparta won 1948 Ken-Owa league title. Guiles, Salisbury, Lundberg, Switzer, and Sheckler won first places. The Spartans made 58½ points, Comstock 47½, and Coopersville 39.

Girls' Basketball

The girls basketball team of 1947-48 played eight games, winning six and losing two. Competitors were: Coopersville, Godwin Heights, Comstock Park, and Kent City.

The scores of the games were as follows:

Sparta	22	. . . .	Godwin		11
Sparta	15	. . . .	Coopersville		12
Sparta	15	. . . .	Comstock Park		18
Sparta	20	. . . .	Kent City		8
Sparta	18	. . . .	Coopersville		14
Sparta	15	. . . .	Kent City		11
Sparta	8	. . . .	Comstock Park		16
Sparta	6	. . . .	Godwin		5

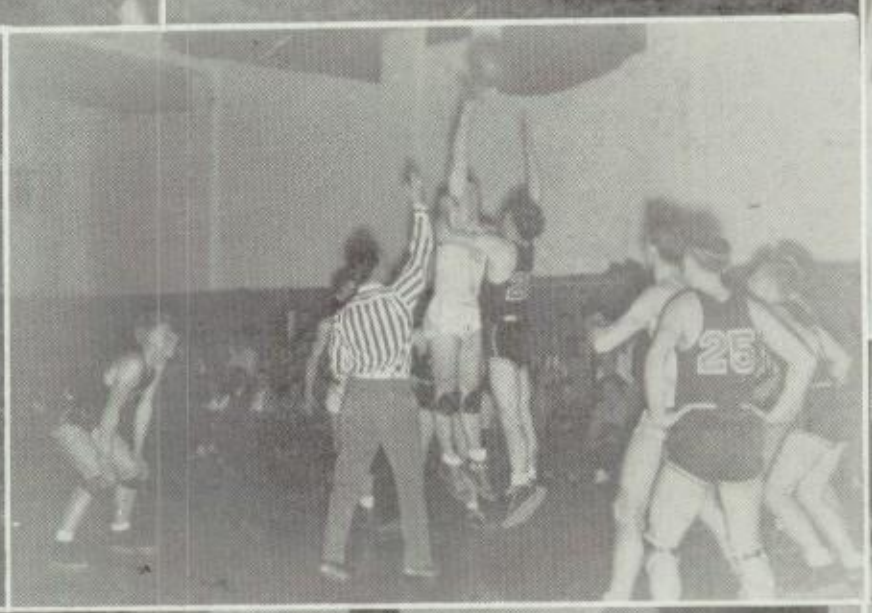
High scorer of the team was Pat Norton.

The team would like to express their appreciation to Mrs. Smith for the fine coaching and support of the girls.

Top Row:
Dolores Dake, Pat Norton, Delores Moody, Kathryn Rider, Gail Brooks.

Middle Row:
Coach Smith, Doris Kober, Marjorie Deyo, Janice Miller, Lois Klenk, Dolores Woolworth, mgr.

Bottom Row:
Carol Fahling, Carolyn Schwartz, Eleanor Deyo, Mary VanAntwerp, Jeanette Reed.



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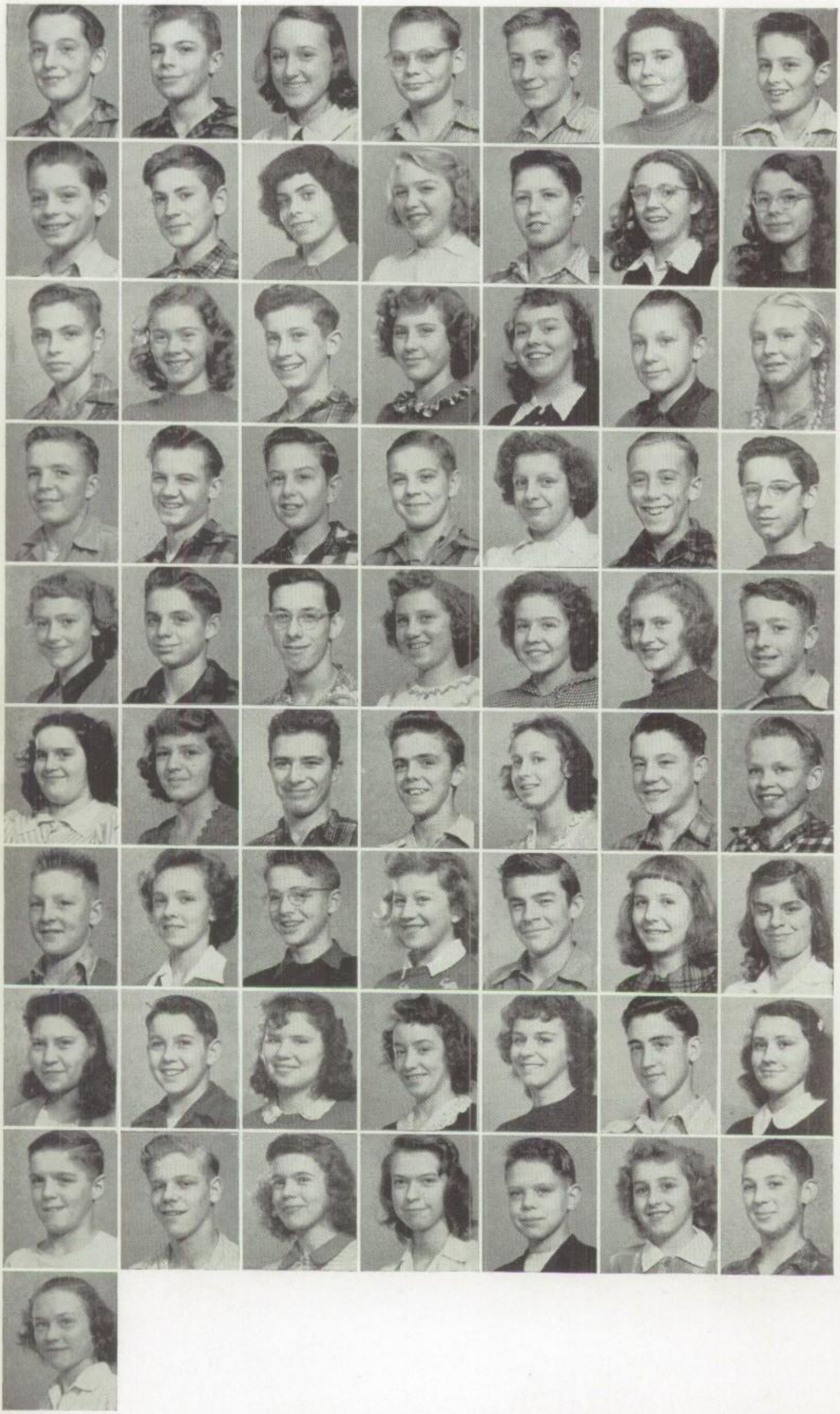
Eighth Grade



First Row:

Arden Afton, David Allison, Janis Anderson, Richard Anderson, Robert Aungst, Norma Louise Bear, Franklin Berger.

Second Row:

Frank Blackall, Charles Bloomstrom, Charlotte Brady, Violet Brisbin, James Carroll, Barbara Clay, Katheron Dewey.

Third Row:

Donald Dorman, Donna Dufort, Gordon Fulkerson, Mary Grice, Rose Haggerty, Albert Hale, Ruth Hammer.

Fourth Row:

Irving Hana, Roy Harmon, Paul Heath, Robert Herington, Yvonne Herington, Robert Hoover, Richard Ingersoll.

Fifth Row:

Nancy Johnson, John Kik, Richard Krewson, Margaret Kutzli, Barbara Langford, Patricia LaPreze, Marvin Lockard.

Sixth Row:

Yvonne Lockard, Charlotte Martz, Norman Martz, Bick Mayo, Betty Mourer, Thomas Norton, Charles Olson.

Seventh Row:

Eugene Ostman, Marilyn Powney, Eli Roberts, Janice Rowe, Karl Schobey, Moneta Ann Schoolmaster, Patricia Shannon.

Eighth Row:

Gracie Shebonga, Gerald Sheckler, Donna Singleton, Vivian Singleton, Elaine Stark, Robert Stebbins, Phyllis Stortz.

Ninth Row:

Norman Straight, Howard Thompson, Janice Titus, Joan Tramper, Richard Traxler, Elizabeth Waldherr, Donald Wilson.

Tenth Row: Donna Woolworth.

Absentees:

Rose Guiles, Mona Welch, Patricia Morgan.

Seventh Grade

First Row:

Janet Amburgey, Emily Anderson, Martin Anderson, Richard Anderson, Robert Bazzett, Robert Blumenstein.

Second Row:

Joyce Carpenter, Robert Caroll, Greta Chapman, Richard Cooke, Clarence Crawford, Lewis Crowley.

Third Row:

Frederick Davenport, Larry Dorman, Michael Feichtenbeiner, Elinor Gilson, Esther Guiles, Walter Hatton.

Fourth Row:

Dorothy Hosmer, Shirley Kik, Donald Knipp, Ethyle Krewson, Lorinda Lane, Leslie Line.

Fifth Row:

Gerald Lockard, Nancy Miller, Carl Moody, Robert McCracken, Jean Kay Nason, Sally Pierson.

Sixth Row:

Arlene Saur, Edward Shangle, Marilyn Singleton, Helen Smith, Lucynne Stark, Suzanne Steinert.

Seventh Row:

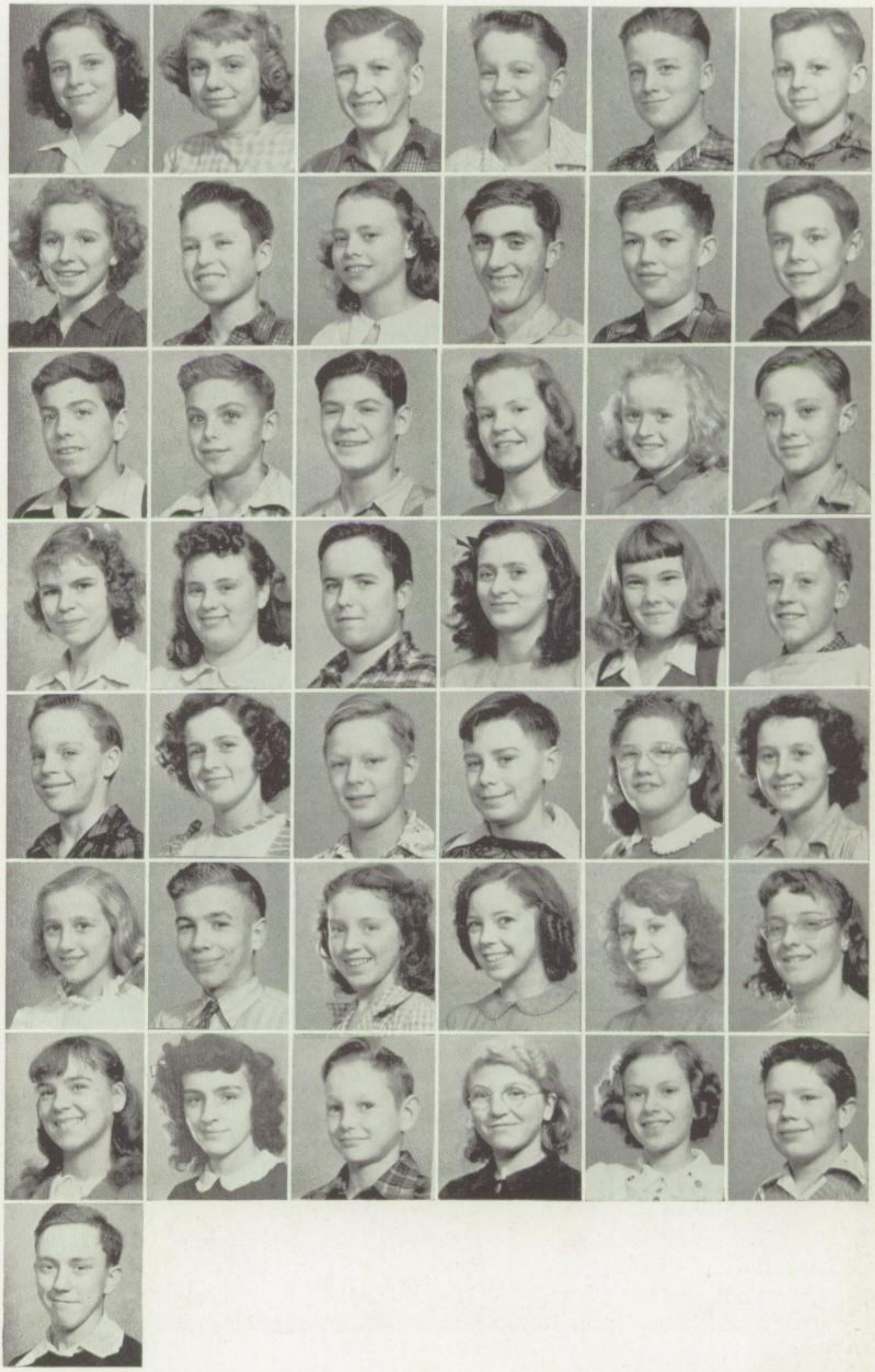
Barbara Streeter, Jo Anne Thomas, Donald Thorson, Betty Trudell, Beatrice Vandermeer, Edward Walcutt.

Eighth Row:

Daniel Whitehouse.

Absentees

Esther Hicks, Craig Larson, Henry Meyers.



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Junior High

The Junior High pupils this year had an enrollment of 116. The 7th grade comprised of 49 students and there were 67 in the 8th grade.

Each grade had a representative for the Senate, and each one member to the Athletic Board.

The Sparta Safety Patrol has been a faithful organization. The patrol all stood on their corners through rain or sunshine. They were rewarded for their efforts, however, by a picnic. They all had a good time.

The boys organized a basketball team in each grade which played games with the Junior High of other schools and different grades of their own school. As well as basketball, the boys had a football and softball team.

Accompanying the boys' games were the Junior High cheerleaders, which consisted of ten 8th grade girls.

The students participated in a seed sale in which they went from house to house. The proceeds went toward the purchase of books for their library.

The 7th and 8th grades combined for a Christmas party in which they traded gifts and played games in the gym. In February the two grades combined again to put on an equally successful Valentine party.

The 7th graders with the highest marks were:

Janet Amburgey
Elinor Gilson
Leslie Line
Suzanne Steinart
Beatrice Vandermeer

The honor students of the 8th grade were:

Ruth Hammer
Paul Heath
Phyllis Stortz

Mr. Todd is the Principal of the Junior High and also teaches the social science classes. Miss Laura Roosenraad teaches the mathematics and Miss Thelma Russell heads the English department.

Autographs

Patrons

SPARTA SUPER MARKET

SPARTA BAKERY

SPARTA HOME APPLIANCE

D. J. JOHNSON AND BRO.

RED AND WHITE STORE

BETTES MEMORIAL CHAPPEL

SPARTA THEATER

SPARTA CLEANERS

STACK'S REFRIGERATION

HANDY WACKS CORPORATION

MR. and MRS. GEO. A. FIFIELD

CARNATION MILK COMPANY

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SPARTA RECREATION

MR. and MRS. PHILIP HOGAN

FROZEN FOOD LOCKERS

JOHNSON BROTHERS

OSTMAN'S GREEN HOUSE

LANGFORD'S ELECTRICAL SHOP

MR. and MRS. AL PINCKNEY

BEN FRANKLIN

BICKS

MR. and MRS. BOYD G. BLACKALL

BAUGHAN'S BARBER SHOP

SCOTT'S

ROY C. BURGETT

SPARTA VARIETY STORE

HUSSEY'S DRUG STORE

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SPARTA DAIRY

SPARTA MOTOR SALES

B. and T. DAIRY

WESTERN AUTO ASSOCIATION

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BOB'S LUNCH

LONE ELM INN

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